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Ukrainian dancers celebrate spring

By JANICE HUSER

Staff Writer

Young dancers dressed in colourful costumes entertained a crowd of adoring family and friends at the 29th Annual Spring Concert, put on by the Elk Point and District 'Metelytsia' Ukrainian Dance Club, last Sunday.

In celebration of Ukrainian Easter, 28 children between the ages of four and 15 were dressed to the nines, ready to show off all the hard work and dedication they've given to the dance club over the past few months.

"Every year we look forward to this time," said Master of Ceremonies Kirsty Lindquist, a long-time member of the club. Lindquist danced with the Elk Point group from 1992 to 2003.

After singing the national anthem, the afternoon program was off to a quick start at the Elk Point Elementary gym. First, the entire club took the stage to welcome their audience with a traditional welcome dance.

As per tradition, the young dancers presented guests with wheat, bread and salt during their first dance, as an offering of good health and prosperity.

Dancers performed traditional dances from across the Ukraine, and each dance was received with great applause.

Following a quick intermission, Group 4 dancers entertained the crowd with a comedic dance called Latin Babas. Dressed as old ladies, the girls danced a Ukrainian dance with a Latin twist, making audience members smile from ear to ear.

After 15 impressive performances, first-year dancers were presented with certificates, while second-year dancers were presented with plaques. Older dancers were then presented with pins.

Following the presentations, it was announced that Cheryl Robertson, who has been instructing the Elk Point dance club for the past 5 years, will no longer be joining the dancers in the fall.

The club then presented Robertson with a gift to show their appreciation for all the work she had done for the group.

"We had a lot of fun this year," said Robertson after the concert. She further explained that she was really impressed by how much the dancers had improved over the past year, adding it was great to see those improvements on stage.

"I had a blast here, and I'm really going to miss it," said Robertson.

Next year's spring concert will be the organization's 30th anniversary, and organizers are hoping a number of senior dancers will come back to help celebrate the milestone.



Janice Huser photo

Former dancer returns

Former senior dancer Laryssa Cochrane came back to entertain with her vibrant energy and unwavering love of Ukrainian Dance. Another former longtime member of the Metelytsia family, Kirsty Lindquist, served as mistress of ceremonies for the 29th Annual Spring Concert.

Police seek help solving abduction attempt

By STAFF WRITERS

An alleged abduction attempt occurred in Elk Point on April 23, when a nine-year-old girl who was playing in her backyard was approached by a man seeking to coax her into his vehicle for a ride, according to an RCMP press release.

The man repeatedly asked the child to get into his car, at which point she ran into her home. Shortly afterwards, just after 6 p.m., police were contacted to

investigate the incident. Police are now seeking the public's help in identifying the suspect.

The suspect is described as a clean-shaven Afro-Canadian male in his late 20s, with short black hair, dots or marks on his nose and some form of tattoo on his throat or neck. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a red Oilers baseball-style cap and a green t-shirt, according to the release. His vehicle was a yellow small to mid-sized car with distinctive red

designs on the side that resembled lightning bolts.

Anyone who sees a car of this design should promptly call 911 to report the details. Anyone with any other information that may assist investigators is asked to contact Elk Point RCMP at 789-724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

RCMP are encouraging parents to reinforce basic facts about stranger danger and offer these tips:

- Tell your children they should never go close to or get into a vehicle driven by a stranger, especially if the stranger wants them to get in or go for a ride.

- Establish a password that only you and your child know. If a stranger tells the child that a parent asked him or her to pick up the child, the child should ask the stranger for the password. It is essential that the child does not share the password with anyone.

- If approached by a stranger, a

child should run to a safe location, whether it's home, school or a store where other people are present.

- Children need to be aware that sometimes strangers may try to tempt them with offers of things such as candy or to see a cute puppy. It is important to stress to your children that they say no, go to a safe place and tell someone they trust about what just happened.

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Spring cleaning by community, for community

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Community Lions of Elk Point are teaming up with the Town of Elk Point to coordinate a community clean-up next week.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to meet in the Elk Point Municipal Library parking lot at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 for an all-out clean-up of the community.

The town will supply gloves and garbage bags for the collection of winter's debris, as everyone does their part to beautify our community.

After the clean-up, the library board will serve the hard-working volunteers a barbecue supper, courtesy of the town and the Community Lions.

Everyone is welcome to lend a hand in this effort to spring-clean and spruce up the community ready for this summer's events and visitors.

Budget 2008 eliminates health care premiums

By JANICE HUSER
Staff Writer

As of January 2009, Albertans will no longer be paying health care premiums, something a local Liberal supporter is very pleased to see.

And although Amil Shapka, president of the local Liberal Association, hadn't had the time to dissect the 2008 budget released last Tuesday, he did say it was nice to see the government had chosen to eliminate premiums, something the Liberals and NDPs were both pushing for.

By eliminating premiums, Albertans and busi-

nesses will save an estimated \$1 billion a year.

But that is the only positive comment Shapka made about the latest PC budget, and felt some glaring issues were obvious.

Shapka feels no commitment has been made to the Heritage Fund, adding, "That's a huge, huge problem." He also believes that estimating oil prices at half of what they could be is also a mistake.

The government will end up with a huge surplus, he says, and they won't know what to do with it.

According to a Budget 2008 press release, the PC government anticipates an

estimated surplus of \$1.6 million.

"This year, we'll deposit \$279 million into the Heritage Fund, to keep pace with inflation," said Honourable Iris Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise on April 22 in her first ever budget speech.

She also explained that the government has estimated the surplus based on oil being at \$78 a barrel. Currently, oil sits above \$115 per barrel.

"We believe that our price forecast is within our tolerance for risk, and a reasonable point from which to plan," said Evans. "Once our new structure for royalty

revenue is fully implemented next year, it will generate a further \$1.8 billion a year, based on our forecast prices and production levels."

She further explained that a shift of one dollar in the price of oil over 12 months could result in a loss or gain of \$130 million for Albertans.

Overall, spending will increase by \$3.3 billion since last year's budget, bringing total expenses to \$37 billion. The increase reflects the province's growth in population and inflation, said Evans, "as well as capital commitments, and both new and expanded services."

In 2007, Alberta welcomed nearly 68,000 new people.

"The time has come for Albertans to enjoy additional direct rewards of our province's prosperity," said Premier Ed Stelmach in the official Budget 2008 release.

In her speech, Minister Evans highlighted a number of the government's priorities. Starting with health care, which received the biggest increase in funding, a whopping \$1 billion.

Energy development and the environment were also high on the government's list, with almost \$600 million being committed to climate change and greenhouse gas emissions over three years. Almost \$800 million will be spent on water related issues and projects.

Other priorities include broadening the base of Alberta's economy, recognizing the pressures in the agriculture and forestry industries, supporting safer communities, and of course, infrastructure.

Funding for roads in Alberta has skyrocketed by 300 per cent in the last five years, said Evans, adding the province's commitment to municipal infrastructure has increased by 600 per cent.

Evans described Budget 2008 as "a prudent budget that says within our means."

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Lac La Biche-St. Paul MLA Ray Danyluk was not available for comment by press time.

Budget highlights:

Elimination of health care premiums by 2009

9.7 per cent operating spending crease

\$1.6 billion estimated surplus

Almost \$300 million in tax savings

\$22.2 billion to build health care facilities, schools, roads and other infrastructure

Health and Wellness will receive a \$1 billion spending increase

Education will increase by \$217 million

\$1.6 billion in municipal capital support

Administrative Professionals' Week Winner

Tasha Marcoux was the very surprised winner of the Elk Point Review's draw for an extra \$100 payday during Administrative Professionals' Week. Her name was entered by her boss, Victor Stepa of Elk Point Insurance, one of 32 businesses who celebrated their valued administration personnel in the Elk Point Review. Review advertising manager Melanie McRae made the presentation last Thursday.

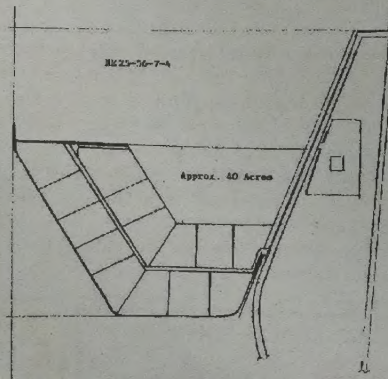
Vicki Brooker photo



NOTICE

County of St. Paul No. 19

Notice is hereby given that Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering Bylaw No. 1509, which is a Bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1486, as it relates to rezoning approximately **40 acres in NE 25-56-7-W4** from Agricultural to Country Residential 1:



Public Hearing will be held **Tuesday, May 13, 2008** at 11:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office in St. Paul.

For further information, contact the County Office at 645-3301.

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LICA is seeking community members for its **Board of Directors** as a result of maturing terms:

- this volunteer position is a two year commitment
 - interested parties will be asked to allow their name to stand for election at our **Annual General Meeting on April 30th** at the Bonnyville Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre (4813 - 47th Ave. Bonnyville)
- Supper at 6:00 p.m. / AGM at 7:00 p.m.

Benefits of Joining LICA

- hands on approach to managing environmental concerns in the LICA region
- meet with industry on a regular basis and learn about development in your area
- represent the voice of the community by facilitating solutions that reflect community interest

Remuneration and Expenses

Elected and appointed community members are paid stipends (\$100 per meeting) and are reimbursed for mileage (43 cents/km). Other expenses approved by the Board.



For more information about LICA and how you can participate contact Paula 639-5194 or Russ 645-6960. Membership forms can be obtained on line @ www.lica.ca or by calling the LICA office 1-877-737-2182

Springtime snow days

Elk Point was buried in a thick blanket of snow last Monday and Tuesday, with the public works crew continuing their cleanup efforts through much of the week. Elk Point Co-op got the framework of their greenhouse up just before the storm hit, and were glad they didn't have the plastic on yet, due to the weight of the snow. Rural students got a two-day addition to their weekend, and even some home care workers were prevented from completing their rounds because of the storm, which was the worst to hit the area in late April for a number of years.

Vicki Brooker photo

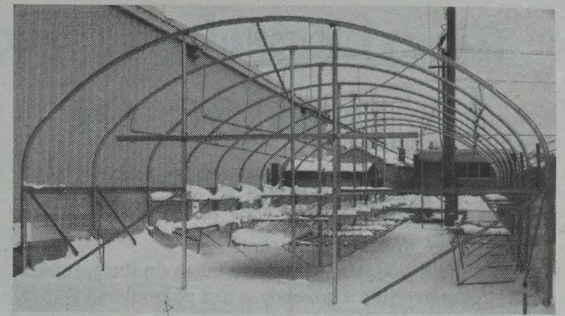
New home hit by vandals

By REVIEW STAFF

Elk Point RCMP report that between 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 and 8 a.m. on Monday, April 21, a home under construction at 5142 - 59 Ave. in Elk Point was vandalized. One or more individuals entered the home through a basement window and once inside, wrote on the walls and damaged the property.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP at (780) 724-3964.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this or any other crime. You do not have to reveal your identity and if your tip leads to an arrest, you qualify for an award.



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A barbecue supper will be served to the
VOLUNTEERS by the Library board,
following the clean up.

This will be on the Library Parking Lot.

**The supper will be sponsored by
the Town of Elk Point and
the Community Lions.**



County of St. Paul No. 19

TAKE NOTICE that the following **Development Permit** has been issued in accordance with **Land Use Bylaw No. 1486 of the County of St. Paul No. 19.**

PERMIT NO. LOCATION

08-D0032 SW 22-56-4-W4M Construction of Cabin to be located 5 feet from the West (side) property line instead of 20 feet and 15 feet from the East (side) property line instead of 20 feet

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County of St. Paul No. 19
5015-49 Ave., St. Paul, AB., T0A 3A4

The appeal letter must contain at least one reason for appeal and if the development permit is a permitted use under the land use bylaw, no appeal applies unless the provisions of the bylaw were relaxed, varied or misinterpreted in the decision of the Development Authority. The appeal fee is \$200.00 (refundable if appeal is successful).

April 29, 2008

Glenn Zayac
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County of St. Paul No. 19

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12	4	1379CL	892340626+1
13	4	1379CL	972282316

Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

These properties are being offered for sale on "as is" "where is" basis and the County of St. Paul No. 19 makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser.

The County of St. Paul No. 19 may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

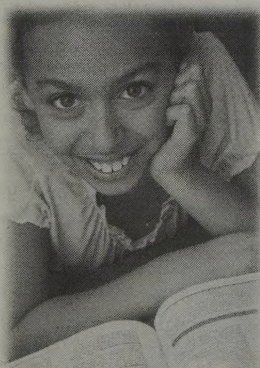
All Bidders or their Agents must be present at the Public Auction.

Terms: Cash. The above properties may be subject to G.S.T.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at St. Paul, Alberta April 24, 2008.

P Kim Heyman, County Administrator



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EDITORIAL

In praise of volunteers

Volunteers, this is your week.

From the Allied Arts, who have taken on the enormous project of converting a warehouse to a cultural and activity center, to the Wednesday afternoon quilters, who take small, donated scraps of fabric and turn them into warm blankets to help those less fortunate, Elk Point is rich with volunteers.

Volunteers are part of a caring community. They comfort the terminally ill, they raise money to help put on community events, they preserve our history and enrich our present. They judge parades, cook pancakes, fill shoeboxes to send a message of hope to children in third world countries, they fight fires and rescue victims of vehicle collisions. They coach minor sports, they run bingos, they lead youth groups, they shelve library books and make perogies.

They spend thousands of hours every year of their time to help others, most of them without receiving any financial reward – in fact, many of them spend a considerable amount to support their volunteering habits.

“Thank you” seems so little to say, for so much effort put forward, so much time spent in the service of others that could have been spent taking it easy or being with their families. Sharing their workload would be a good way to show how much we appreciate their year-round dedication and community service, and also to find out for ourselves how rewarding it is to be a volunteer.

Happy Volunteer Appreciation Week, everyone!

WAY BACK WHEN... Ball, briefs and business as usual

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND ELK POINT LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29 IN...

1988

A petition presented at the previous week's annual meeting asking for a return to the recreation at master plan for ball diamond construction was accepted by town council, with Mayor Byron Mann feeling the 155-signature document was "sufficient evidence" that the circular, four-diamond layout was not what the community's ball players wanted. Honoured Royal Lady Jeannine Boratyniec and Exalted Ruler Dave Yake were sworn in at the OORP and Elks Lodges joint installation of officers.

1993

The Northern Alberta Development Council met in Elk Point and received over 20 briefs, six of them from Elk Point groups asking for help with soaring estimates for airport runway extension and help in dealing with the economic downturn. Town council did the cooking at a Volunteer Week pancake supper.

1998

Town council's reduction from seven to five members was approved by a narrow three-two margin at a special meeting, with the only ratepayer input coming in the form of a letter from Sid Holthe, who felt the move would be cost-effective. Rylee McKenzie's winter-coated mount won the furriest horse award at the Agricultural Society's Fun and Furry Horse Show.

2003

Aspen Regional Health and Dr. Drew Ramful were assuring local residents that it would be "business as usual" at Elk Point Health Centre, despite the imminent closure of Dr. Sandy Koe's medical practice on April 30. Maureen Myshaniuk starred as Cinderella and Jasmine Brown and Eva Gusnowski as her fashion-challenged stepsisters in a highlight of the Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club's annual spring concert.



GUEST COLUMN

Bait and switch

In retail sales, a bait and switch is a form of fraud in which the party putting forth the fraud lures in customers by advertising a product or service at an unprofitably low price, and then reveals to potential customers that the advertised good are not available but that a substitute is. The goal of the bait-and-switch is to convince some buyers to purchase the substitute goods as a means of avoiding disappointment over not getting the bait.

This bait-and-switch seems to be what Mother Nature did to us last week. Most of our snow was gone, the ground was brown and the weather was warmer. In fact some people were cutting their grass and thinking of rototilling their gardens. The thinking attitude with most of us was that "spring is finally here!" Good bye winter!

But – do you think we were all baited? Because what happened over the weekend and into the beginning of the new week was a winter storm which included wind and falling snow. In fact the snow fall was at least 12 to 15 inches of snow. The positive side is that the snow was light and fluffy. So one would think it was full of moisture which we always could use.

So there you go – we were baited and the switch took place. Spring was here so we were expecting rain. The switch was made and we received snow. So I guess we could say Mother Nature gave us false advertising. What do we do about it?

There is a song by the Temptations called, "My Girl," which states:

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deanna EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

"I've got sunshine on a cloudy day.
When it's cold outside I've got the month of May.
I guess you'd say
What can make me feel this way?
My girl (my girl, my girl)
Talkin' 'bout my girl (my girl)."

A song like this helps to take our attention away from the weather and think about something else. With school buses not running, some children had the opportunity to stay home and do things that can be done within their homes. Some people weren't able to commute to work. So they also were able to stay in their homes. How did you all do? You know what? Sometimes just having a break and a lazy day at home is quite all right.

Speaking of how weather conditions effect people, did you remember that on Friday, April 11th of this year, Minnesotans were surprised by a springtime blizzard that dumped more than a foot of snow on central and northern communities, cut off power to thousands of residents and shut down major roadways. The U.S. Postal Service canceled mail delivery in Duluth, where 55 mph winds whipped heavy snow into a zero-visibility maelstrom. The main post office in Duluth lost power, along with about 7,500 other customers in the city of 87,000. NBC affiliate KBJR-TV was knocked off the air in the morning. The Duluth transit authority canceled all bus service, and while Duluth's entire road crew contingent of 190 people was labouring to plow central streets, John Bray, a spokesman for the state transportation department, urged residents to stay home. The word of explanation was that "It's spring in the Northland, and that means roller coaster weather," said Carol Christenson, a forecaster with the National Weather Service.

So from our American neighbors, we can state we too experienced roller coaster weather in the spring of 2008. Therefore, Mother Nature didn't do a "bait-and-switch" on us after all!

Happy Spring everyone!

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Volunteers step in to help with Canada Day events

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point's July 1 celebrations are taking shape, with some new volunteers getting on board to assist the planning committee with established and new and exciting events.

One of these is a Canada Day Idol contest, tentatively scheduled for 9 to 11 p.m. on July 1 at the Elks Hall, where performers from Elk Point and surrounding area will be invited to compete for the title. Dee Pankiw, who has many years of success in producing great youth talent shows in this area, has agreed to coordinate the contest.

Visual art will also be showcased downstairs at the Elks Hall, with Donna Chamberland in charge of an art exhibit displaying work by both adults and students, starting at approximately 3 p.m.

The Elks Lodge has confirmed that they will host their Canada Day supper again this year.

A totally different type of talent will be on display just down the street, where Roger Smith will be in charge of organizing another strong man competition. This event has proved very popular in the past and is expected to draw an even larger crowd this year.

Another popular crowd-pleaser will also be back, with Dave Pilisko getting the planning underway for the Farm Survival Race.

Sylvia Boothman and Lyn Young attended the April 16 Canada Day committee meeting to discuss plans for the house and yard decorating contest. Information about the contest will be sent to Elk Point residents with their May water bills, so they will have plenty of time to plan their displays. There has been concern in the past regarding the use of artificial flowers, and this year's information will indicate that live plants are preferred. Registration information will be announced after the next meeting, and only registered yards, which will be marked with official "participant" signs, will be included in the June 30 judging.

The Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast, parade, Christian Community Church pie sale and the stage show are also back on the agenda, as well as the fireworks show to end the evening of July 1.

However, the children's activities that were a big hit last year may be in jeopardy, as the Canada Day Committee has not yet found anyone willing to

organize and supervise this event. Anyone willing to help may call Deanna at 724-3800.

The committee is also waiting for confirmation on a group wishing to operate the arena food concession during the July 1 afternoon.

Donations are starting to come in, and the committee is eager to get all their plans in place for Canada's 141st birthday celebration. Watch for updates after their next meeting on May 21.

Walk with the Lions

When the weather is as bad as it was this past week, you usually do get a better turnout at indoor events, like our umpire clinic, which was very well attended this past Saturday. Now if we could only get a chance to get some exercise and do some outdoors sports.

Well, here's a great way for a little exercise. Walking. Winter or summer, even if the weather is bad you can always bundle up, or wear your snowshoes. It's easy, you can go at your own pace and distance, walk with a friend, take your dog, it's good for the heart and best of all it's an excellent stress reliever after a bad day at work.

Coming up this weekend the Elk Point and District Lions annual Journey for Sight is another great way to take a 10K walk, or run if you wish, and raise some funds for

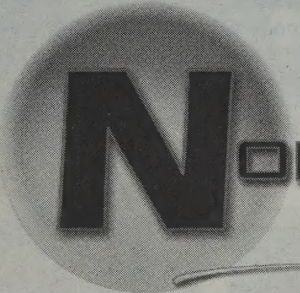
eye-related projects at the same time. Start time is 9 a.m. on Saturday morning from the Curling Rink and it will only take about two hours of your time, so the whole afternoon will be yours. Pledge sheets can be found at both schools or at Home Town Grocers. Hope to see you there.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "I don't want to play golf. When I hit a ball, I want someone else to go chase it." Last week's answer to: "If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life, without even considering if there are men on the base." - Dave Berry.

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Aspen Health salutes their many volunteers

Aspen Regional Health is celebrating contributions of volunteers during National Volunteer Week, from April 27 to May 3.

"We are truly thankful for the volunteers who contribute to the health of our communities by giving in so many different ways," says Andrew Will, president and CEO of Aspen Regional Health.

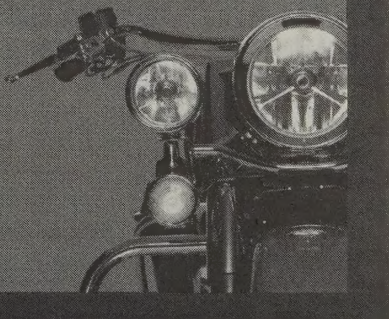
"Volunteers add tremendous value to the health care system and Aspen Regional Health appreciates their tireless efforts throughout the region. It is important for us to take the time to say thanks."

Hundreds of people throughout the Aspen region have embraced the theme of this year's event, 'Volunteers: From Compassion to Action,' by volunteering at continuing care centres health services offices and in the community. Volunteers bring talent, compassion, friendly faces and commitment to the wellness of others, enriching the communities they live in.

Every volunteer makes a difference and their combined efforts enhance the overall health of each community. These volunteers bring to the community the gifts of kindness, understanding, energy and enthusiasm, accompanied by a host of diverse skills.

Nearly 1,400 volunteers donate their time and efforts to Aspen, taking on a wide range of roles. They read, coach, walk, drive, visit, cook food, write, organize, sew, clean, prepare, coordinate and so much more. Health care volunteers are precious assets and play an essential role in the delivery of services.

Aspen Regional Health would like to take this opportunity to salute all the volunteers and the significant contributions they have made to health care and their communities. Aspen thanks these individuals who give their time and talents so generously to the health region. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.



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OBITUARY

HOLTHE, Muriel

On April 23, 2008, Mrs. Muriel Holthe of Elk Point passed away peacefully at the age of 87 years.

She is survived by four sons and one daughter, Edward of Mexico, Alan of Cold Lake, Elaine (Richard) Hibbard of Edmonton, Dennis & Eric (Marilyn) all of Elk Point; extended family, Koreen (Dwayne) Fowler of Innisfree; 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Irene Miller of Raymond and Marjorie Kuziw of Edmonton; also numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Nellie and Edward Rushfeldt; her husband, Sidney; brother, Elmer Rushfeldt and sister, Shirley Walker.

A Funeral Service was held Monday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m. at Elk Point Baptist Church, Elk Point. Pastor Jim MacLellan officiated with interment in Elk Point East Cemetery, Elk Point. If desired, donations may be made to Alberta Cancer Foundation c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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Dancers aged from four to 15 took part in Sunday's Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club Spring Concert. Above, Group 2 dancers Paige and Sam Henderson, Garrett Kinaschuk, Hank Rogal and Mickal Pilisko in a Poltavski dance; at right, Group 4 lines up in their beautiful and ornate costumes; below, two of the club's tiniest dancers present the traditional braided bread in the Pryvit.



Photos by Janice Huser



At left, Colin Nazarchuk puts his best foot forward in the Cossack dance he shared with Bryce Osinchuk.

On Page 7, at top right, senior dancers Seanna Ewasiuk, Beth Warholik and Kelsey Lindquist have some fun with their number, while at top left, one of Group 4's Latin Babas give a traditional dance a new twist. Bottom left, the scarlet boots that are a signature touch of Ukrainian dancing.

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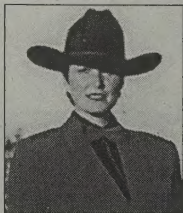
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Forever loved by son Allan, daughter Shanna (Kyle) Lawrence and granddaughter Allah-Denai, Mom and Dad Scaife, sisters Lorraine (Ken) Irwin and Nadine (Mario) Pelletieri and niece Jeanine.

Thank You

Thank you to my family and friends who celebrated my 90th birthday with me.

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"Spring auction season is here and producers are out looking to get good deals on all types of equipment," says Jim Kiss, a farmers' advocate based in Edmonton. "We are seeing large amounts of inventory being moved through more than the traditional type of farm auctions these days, with many major auction companies holding consignment sales or dealer inventory reduction sales."

At some of these sales, it is even possible to see new equipment offered. In the case of new equipment, purchasers may assume that warranty comes with the unit, but this is not necessarily so.

The Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) wants to make sure that buyers are aware that any purchases of farm implements at auction are not covered under the Farm Implement Act (FIA). The FIA provides consumer protection for farmers by legislating certain implied warranty

provisions, parts availability and establishes a compensation fund from levies assessed to the industry by the Farm Implement Board (FIB). The FIB has the ability to award compensation when breaches of the Act occur. The FAO also has a farm implement inspector on staff who can mediate concerns between farmers and the farm implement industry. The FAO inspector is also able to advise farmers with respect to how the Act may apply to their concerns, and assist them if

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finalized.

"The other issue we are seeing more of this spring is the sale at auction of 'grey market' pieces of equipment," says Kiss. "There are implements, especially small- to medium-size tractors, being brought into Canada and painted almost the same as recognizable brands with the same name, that are actually 'knock-offs'. Buyers should realize that these tractors, albeit new, come with no warranty, no guarantee of service and buyers may even have

difficulty finding replacements parts such as oil or air filters."

Auctions are buyer beware. The FAO is available to assist you with any concerns you have on the Farm Implement Act, FIB or auction-related inquiries. There is information available 24-hours-a-day on the FAO website at www.farmersadvocate.gov.ab.ca. Albertans are welcome to contact the FAO toll-free through the Alberta Ag-Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276).

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By JANANI WHITFIELD
Staff Writer

The St. Paul and District Co-op recorded another year of growth in sales and earnings, members heard at the Co-op annual general meeting on April 22.

"We obviously had a very good year," said general manager Bob Scott, adding that projections show that Co-op sales should reach \$68 million in 2008, based on how the year is going thus far.

Sales grew by 19 per cent during 2007 to more than \$51.5 million, with net savings reaching nearly \$4.8 million. Of those savings, over three million dollars will be distributed to members, who will see a six percent return on their 2007 food, home and agro and convenience store purchases, and 10 per cent back on their gas bar, cardlock and bulk petroleum purchases. This year, Co-op also has a policy to pay out 10 per cent of any equity that customers have over \$5,000.

"This patronage allocation is the highest in the history of the Co-op," said president Cliff Martin, attributing the Co-op's

success to its "excellent staff and management team."

Other high points for the Co-op include the completion of the cardlock facility at Elk Point. Demand for the product there has outstripped expectations, meaning the site will need expanded storage tanks in the future, said Martin. However, a new grocery store planned for Elk Point is on hold right now, due to escalating costs, pegging the project at five million dollars, as well as a lack of a suitable location.

But there are still changes afoot in 2008. The St. Paul Co-op will relocate its pharmacy into one of the mall rental areas, which will in turn create room for an expansion of the store's bakery/deli. "Even with the opening of the new Sobeys store, our bakery/deli hasn't slowed down," said Scott, explaining the need for the expansion.

While times are good now, the Co-op has had low points in its history as well, Scott pointed out, offering a few words of caution to members. He explained some of the factors Co-op faces in the current

business environment, such as extreme labour shortages, as well as a short supply of contractors, which affects building projects as well as maintenance. Another issue the Co-op faces is new competition, with Home Hardware, Sobeys and UFA all opening new stores in the area, and Wal-Mart rumoured to be opening sometime "down the road," said Scott.

The meeting then moved on to the election of directors. Since there had been no new names put forward to sit on the board prior to the meeting, Lorne Siemers, Joe Boulianne and Bernice Capjack agreed to let their names stand for another three-year term, and were reappointed to the board by acclamation.

Two members of the Co-op posed questions, one about the shopping carts on the parking lot and the second about the dangerousness of the southwest corner of the Co-op, where the building juts out and creates a blind spot for drivers.

Scott agreed there could be a stop sign at the corner, and said in response to the questions, "We'll be following up on that."

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Junior curling winds up 2008 season

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Fourteen junior curlers wound up their eight-week season earlier this month by taking on their parents in a lighthearted competition at the Elk Point Curling Club.

"We started after the Oilmen's Bonspiel," said Sheila Nelson, who coached the group along with Elaine Ziomek. Seven beginners joined seven youngsters with some curling experience, and curled each Wednesday after school during February and March.

"It was a smaller crew this year, but we had a lot of fun," Nelson said.

A few of the curlers have been learning the game for three years now, and in addition to taking part in junior curling, were recruited to play occasional adult league games with the coaches, where they could experience more advanced competition than playing with their peers.

At the windup, "the parents curled against the kids. I think the kids who had been in junior curling

before really looked forward to that," Nelson said. The windup funspiel was a pleasant surprise to the first-year curlers, who were excited to curl against their parents.

"We've done that ever since junior curling started. It gives the coaches a break so we had time to get ready for the pizza party."

"Bring it on home!"

A young skip points out the preferred destination for an incoming rock to his sweeper at the windup funspiel.

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...And off the ice

Everyone enjoyed pizza at their windup party, where coaches Elaine Ziomek and Sheila Nelson congratulated them on their progress during a great season.



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